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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
Tam, et al.

Serial No.: 10/074,345

Confirmation No.: 5690

Filed: February 12, 2002

For: STI POLISH ENHANCEMENT
USING FIXED ABRASIVES
WITH AMINO ACID
ADDITIVES

MAIL STOP Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Group Art Unit: 3723
Examiner: Shantese L. McDonald

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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED DECEMBER 19, 2003

In response to the Office Action dated December 19, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on March 19, 2004, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. Although Applicant believes that no additional fees are due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/AMAT/6075/BTP, for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

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